

# Reception Newsletter

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026



### Weekly Message

This week, we explored the desert and learned about the different animals that live there. We discussed how these animals are specially adapted to survive in the hot, dry climate and identified their unique features. We also explored a variety of desert plants and learned how they are able to survive in such dry conditions. Reading both fiction and non-fiction books about the desert helped to deepen our understanding of this environment.

In Phonics, we learned the new tricky words **“live”** and **“give.”**

In Maths, we focused on comparing quantities by noticing similarities and differences. We used key language such as **“more than”** and **“fewer than”** to describe and compare the number of objects.

### A peek at the week

Next week, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. We will share and discuss our experiences of Chinese New Year while learning about how it is traditionally celebrated. We will read *The Great Race* story and explore the personality traits associated with the Chinese New Year zodiac signs.



### EYFS Donations

- Tissue rolls
- Carboard boxes

We would also really appreciate any donations of old flowers that are no longer in use.

### Home learning

This week, we will be sending home the blue and yellow tricky words. Please note that these words cannot be sounded out or blended. The children have learned that these are “tricky” words that try to trick us, so they need to be recognised by sight. We kindly ask that you practise these new tricky words with your child at home.

